

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with \*\*\* on \*\*\*.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification

p. 13 line 11, after "glass" has been inserted -- , carbon -- to provide antecedent basis in the specification for the claim 47 subject matter.

In the claims

claim 36 has been rewritten to clarify that the elastic modulus is the dynamic elastic modulus (E') and that the broadest definition of a "substantially constant" dynamic modulus over a temperature range between 70°C and 100°C in the original disclosure is one which does not vary by more than 10% as --

36. (currently amended) The tyre of claim 31, wherein the underlayer has [an] a dynamic elastic modulus (E') which [is substantially constant] does not vary by more than 10% over a temperature range between 70°C and 100°C.

-- (specification p. 3 lines 25-27);

claim 37 has been cancelled (now redundant);

claim 38 line 1, "37" has been changed to -- 36 -- to correct claim dependency;

claims 38-40 line 1, before "elastic modulus" has been inserted -- dynamic -- to provide proper antecedent basis;

claim 42 line 3, "transverse" has been changed to -- perpendicular -- to clarify that the ratio is measured using mutually perpendicular directions (specification p. 9 lines 7-14);

claim 45 line 2, "the underlayer comprises a hardening resin based on" has been changed to -- the hardening resins are resins based on -- to provide proper antecedent basis;

claim 46 line 2, "the elastomer compound comprises a hardening resin based on" has been changed to -- the hardening resins are resins based on -- to provide proper antecedent basis;

claims 49 and 50 lines 1-2, "the elastomer compound comprises" has been changed to -- the reinforcing fibers are -- to provide proper antecedent basis;

claims 51 and 52 line 2, before "thickness" has been inserted -- uniform -- and claim 53 line 1, "51" has been changed to -- 31 -- to clarify that it is only the uniform thickness underlayer which has the recited thickness ranges (specification p. 5 lines 10-16);

claim 57 has been rewritten to clarify that the elastic modulus is the dynamic elastic modulus ( $E'$ ) and that the broadest definition of a "substantially constant" dynamic modulus over a temperature range between 70°C and 100°C in the original disclosure is one which does not vary by more than 10% as --

57. (currently amended)      The method of claim 58, wherein the thermostable compound has [an] a dynamic elastic modulus ( $E'$ ) which [is substantially constant] does not vary by more than 10% over a temperature range between 70°C and 100°C.  
-- (specification p. 3 lines 25-27).

2.      Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adrienne C. Johnstone whose telephone number is (571)272-1218. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30AM-7:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571)272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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